

Quarterly Export Forecasts for Agricultural, Fishery & Forest Products

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U.S. Agricultural Trade

Fiscal 2003 exports projected to reach \$57.5 billion; surplus at \$15.5 billion. Export gains from 2002 to 2003 mostly due to stronger grain & oilseed prices and modest volume gains for meats and horticultural products.

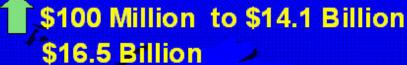


Summary of Major Changes Fiscal 2002 to 2003

Unit =\$ Bils	Aug FY '02 Forecast	Aug FY '03 Forecast	Chg	Main Reason
Wheat/Flour	3.5	4.0	0.5	(+) price — smallest US crop in 30 yrs
Rice	0.7	0.7	0.0	
Corn	4.7	6.2	1.5	(+) vol & price — competition (Arg) & ample supply
Feeds	2.6	2.9	0.3	(+) price — prices of other proteins rise
Soybeans	5.4	5.4	0.0	higher price offsets lower volume
Soymeal	1.3	1.3	0.0	
Soybean Oil	0.4	0.6	0.2	
Beef & Pork	4.8	4.9	0.1	
Hides & Skins	1.8	1.8	0.0	
Broiler Meat	1.5	1.7	0.2	(+) volume — Russia and other key markets
Dairy Prods	1.0	1.1	0.1	
Cotton	2.3	2.7	0.4	(+) vol & price
Hort Prods	11.2	11.5	0.3	(+) vol/some prices — global demand/exchg rate
Fishery Prods	3.0	3.1	0.1	
Wood Prods	4.8	4.7	-0.1	

Export Outlook for Grain & Feed

Revised Forecast for FY 2002: Initial Projection for FY 2003:



Initial FY 2003 Projections Key Upside Developments

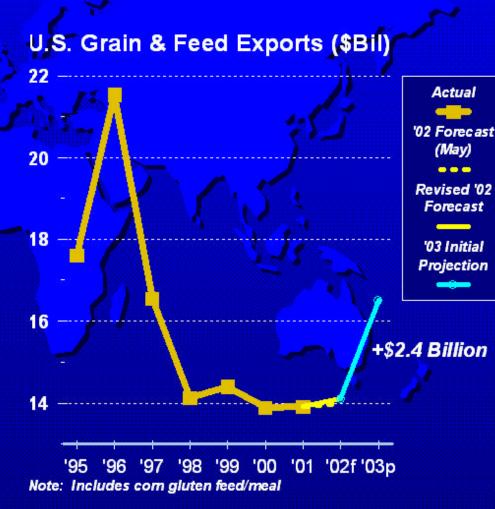
- Smallest US wheat crop in 30 yrs and smaller wheat crops in Canada & Australia boost price
- US corn export volume up due to reduced competition w/ Argentina

Key Downside Developments

- Strong wheat exports from EU and Black Sea region

Wild Cards

- High grain prices could dampen demand; large feed wheat supply overhanging market may slow price gains
- China's grain trade; EU export aggressiveness
- Argentina's troubles



Export Outlook for Oilseeds & Products

Revised Forecast for FY 2002: 400 Million to \$9.6 Billion **Initial Projection for FY 2003:** \$9.8 Billion

Revised FY 2002 Forecast **Key Developments**

- Record US soybean exports
- Slow SAmerican exports raise carry-out

Initial FY 2003 Projections **Key Upside Developments**

- Low US supply boosts soybean prices to 5-year high
- Soyoil exports reach 5-yr high

Key Downside Developments

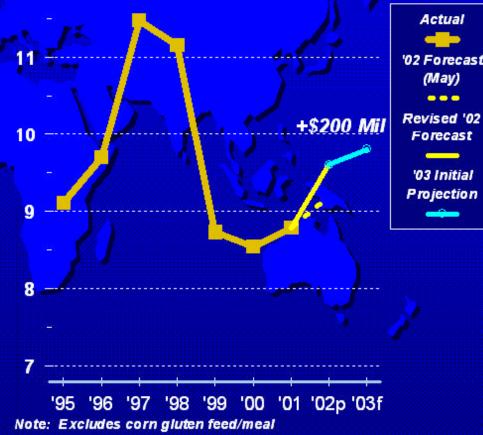
- Larger SAmerican carry-in should curb US soybean exports
- Higher prices to boost output

Wild Cards

- Chinese & Indian imports
- SAmerican crop size



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Export Outlook for Cotton & Linters

Revised Forecast for FY 2002: Steady at \$2.3 Billion Initial Projection for FY 2003: \$2.7 Billion

Initial FY 2003 Projections Key Upside Developments

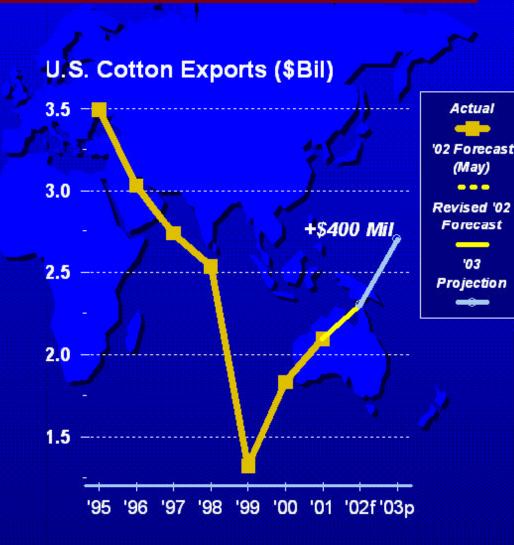
- Large US crop in 2002/03
- Smaller crops in other exporting countries
- Prices strengthen somewhat

Key Downside Developments

- None

Wild Cards

- China WTO implementation
- SHemisphere price response



Export Outlook for DL&P Products

Revised Forecast for FY 2002: \$200 Million to \$12.1 Billion Initial Projection for FY 2003: \$12.6 Billion

Revised FY 2002 Forecast Key Downward Developments

- Reduced poultry exports to Russia; lower unit values for hides & skins

Initial FY 2003 Projections Key Upside Developments

- Recovery in Russian poultry market
- Higher vol for beef exports;
 higher prices for beef & pork

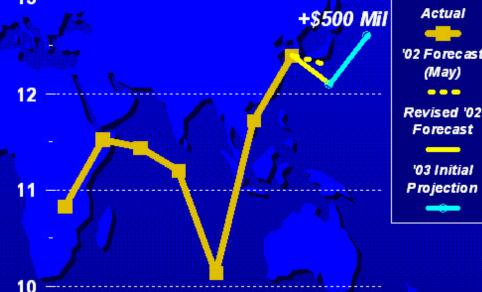
Key Downside Developments

- Continued weakness in Japanese beef market

Wild Cards

- EU & Brazil beef exports post FMD crisis







Export Outlook for Horticultural Products

Revised Forecast for FY 2002: Unchanged at \$11.2 Billion Initial Projection for FY 2003: \$11.5 Billion

Initial FY 2003 Projections Key Upside Developments

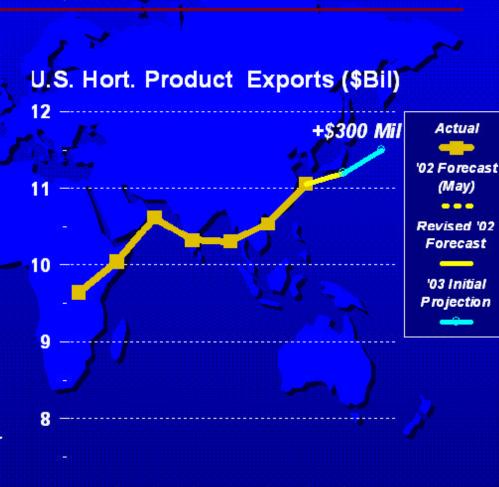
- Tree nut exports forecast at \$1.4 billion due to large crop and stable demand
- Stronger global demand and a weaker dollar should boost overall sales

Key Downside Developments

- Smaller Florida orange crop may lower orange juice exports

Wild Cards

- Apple exports to Mexico may drop following the imposition of anti-dumping duties; potential for Mexico to take other trade-limiting actions
- Global economy/exchg rates



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Export Outlook for Fishery Products

Revised Forecast for FY 2002: \$100 Million to \$3.0 Billion Initial Projection for FY 2003: \$3.1 Billion

Revised FY 2002 Forecast Key Developments

- Reduced pollock roe prices
- Poor sockeye salmon harvest
- Growing gap between EU demand and EU fish harvests

Initial FY 2003 Projections Key Upside Developments

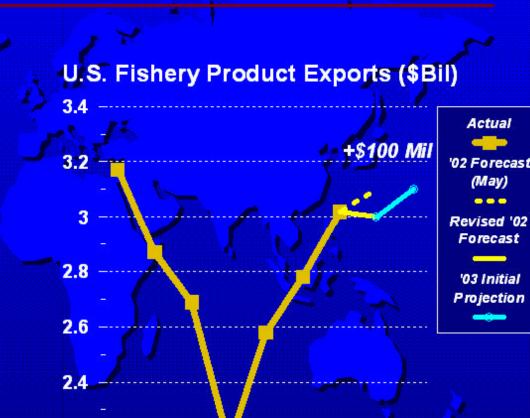
- Slowdown of Chilean salmon production should help improve salmon prices

Key Downside Developments

- Low pollock roe prices

Wild Cards

- Size of US harvests for pollock, salmon & other species



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Export Outlook for Solid Wood Products

Revised Forecast for FY 2002: Unchanged at \$4.8 Billion Initial Projection for FY 2003: \$4.7 Billion

Revised FY 2002 Forecast Key Developments

Less hardwood lumber to EU offset by increased logs to China

Initial FY 2003 Projections Key Upside Developments

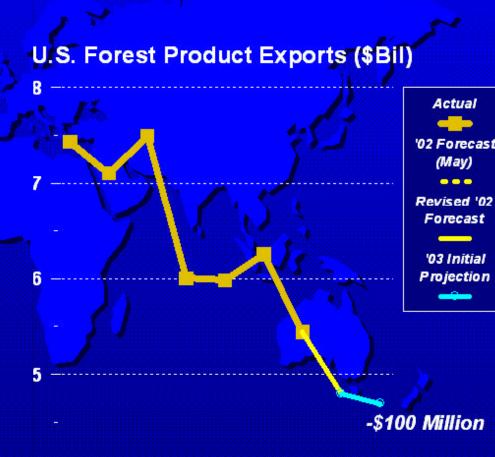
 Increased hardwood and softwood lumber to EU on strengthening interiors market

Key Downside Developments

- Japan's regulations favor kiln-dried lumber, causing continued decline in logs
- Hardwoods to Mexico down

Wild Cards

- US AD/CVD to increase Canada's competitiveness in softwood lumber



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